GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ULSD AT PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government at present is required to make available Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel on all petrol pumps of National Capital region for commercial vehicles only;

(b) if so, the order of the Supreme Court in this context;

(c) the action taken by the Government to protect the interests of poor agriculturist for making available this fuel at the same rates;

(d) whether the Government is bound to stop the sale and consumption of ordinary diesel (HSD) in NCR or both types of diesel be made available in NCR; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The Hon`ble Supreme Court directed this Ministry on 10.5.2000 to ensure that diesel with 0.05% maximum sulphur content is made available in National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi by 30.6.2001In compliance of the said directions, diesel with 0.05% maximum sulphur only is being supplied throughout the NCR of Delhi at all retail outlets from 30.6.2001.

(c) to (e): To enable introduction of Bharat Stage-II emission compliant vehicles in the National Capital Region (NCR), the Government had introduced the scheme of selling diesel with 0.05% maximum sulphur and 0.25% maximum sulphur in the NCR.However, the Supreme Court vide its order of 10.5.2000 directed that w.e.f. 1.7.2001 0.05% maximum sulphur diesel be sold at all the retail outlets. Accordingly, supply of 0.25% maximum sulphur diesel was discontinued at the retail outlets located in the NCR w.e.f. 1.7.2001.